

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 9 and 10 to the following forms.

1. (Currently amended). A sealing strip comprising

a soft sealing part of hollow tubular form made of extruded flexible thermoplastic elastomer material presenting having an outwardly facing outside surface of open-cell foamed form,

a first, thin covering made of closed-cell material extruded over and onto substantially the whole of the outwardly facing outside surface of the sealing part seal to close off the open-cell form thereof, the first, thin covering and presenting an outwardly facing surface having a coefficient of friction at least as great as a predetermined value, and

a second, thin covering separate from but extruded over and onto substantially the whole of the outwardly facing surface of the first covering,

the second covering presenting an outwardly facing surface having a coefficient of friction lower than the predetermined value.

2. (Previously Amended) The strip according to claim 1, wherein the second covering is made of plastic or rubber material.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Amended) The strip according to claim 1, in combination with and being attached to a longitudinally extending mounting part for mounting the seal adjacent a movable member to be compressed thereby to provide a sealing function.

5. (Previously Amended) The strip according to claim 4, wherein the mounting part is also made of thermoplastic elastomer material and the first covering extends thereover.

6. (Previously Amended) The strip according to claim 5, wherein the second covering extends over the first covering on the mounting part.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Amended) The strip according to claim 5, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer material of the soft sealing part of the strip and of the mounting part is co-extruded and in which at least the first covering on the strip and on the mounting part is co-extruded.

9. (Currently amended). A method of making a sealing strip, comprising the steps of

extruding thermoplastic elastomer material in foamed open-cell form to produce a hollow tubular seal presenting having an outwardly facing outside surface of open cell-form,

extruding a first thin covering of closed-cell material over and onto substantially the whole at least a part of the outwardly facing outside surface of the tubular seal, the covering presenting an outwardly facing surface having a coefficient of friction with at least a predetermined value and closing off the open-cell form of the tubular seal, and

extruding a second, thin, covering over and onto substantially the whole at least a part of the outwardly facing surface of the first covering, the second covering presenting an outwardly facing surface having a coefficient of friction lower than the predetermined value.

10. (Currently amended). In combination, a frame of an opening on a vehicle for a door thereof, a door, hinge means hingedly mounting mounted an edge of the door on the frame for hinged movement of the door to close the opening, and a sealing strip mounted on the frame for sealing between the frame and the door, the sealing strip comprising

a longitudinally extending mounting part adapted to be secured to the frame,

a soft sealing part of hollow tubular form made of extruded flexible thermoplastic elastomer material presenting having an outwardly facing outside surface of open-cell foamed form,

a first, thin covering made of closed-cell material extruded over and onto substantially the whole of the outwardly presented ~~outside~~ surface of the sealing part ~~seal~~ to close off the open-cell form thereof and presenting ~~having~~ an outwardly facing surface having a coefficient of friction at least as great as a predetermined value, and

a second thin covering separate from, but extruded over and onto substantially the whole of the outwardly facing surface of the first covering,

the second covering presenting an outwardly facing surface and the sealing part being carried by the mounting part so that the outwardly facing surface of the second covering is presented to and contacted by the door when hingedly moving to close the opening and the sealing part is sealingly compressed thereby,

the outwardly facing surface of the second covering having a coefficient of friction lower than the predetermined value whereby [to facilitate] sliding of said edge of the door over the outwardly facing surface of the second covering [thereover] during the hinged movement of the door is facilitated.